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gional Briefs

LHI May 3 (AP)—Egyptian Vice President Hosny arrived Thursday on his mission seeking support of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty. "I have brought a message, written as well as oral, from President Anwar Prime Minister Morarji Desai," he told reporters at port. Mr. Mubarak came to India from Bangladesh, delivered a letter from President Sadat to President man.

ONG, May 3 (R)—Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe w on a Far East tour, arrived in this British colony last n Bangkok on a private visit, an Israeli Consulate a announced today. The spokesman added that Mr. hold an airport press conference tomorrow afternoon ving for his next as yet undisclosed destination. The d say Mr. Dayan would not be going to China.

I, May 3 (R)—The Arab-African International Bank of been licenced to open an offshore branch in Bahrain, a i for the Bahrain Monetary Agency said today. ministry of finance and oil and the Central Bank of e 42.4 per cent share each in the bank, and the rest is g, Jordan, Algeria, Qatar and other Arab institutions. Arabian Investment Bank, the first National Bank of he Nippon Credit Bank and the Sumitomo Bank have allowed to open representative offices in Bahrain. So ore banks, six investment banks and 28 representative e been licenced.

go al V, May 3 (AP)—A man injured in last month's com-bing of a Tel Aviv open-air market died Thursday, e death toll to three, Israel Radio reported. The latest e Beni Binyaminov, 40, who was wounded when an levice went off in the crowded Carmel market on April e-three persons were wounded. Binyaminov was the li to die in comando attacks this year.

D JERUSALEM, May 3 (R)—The Israeli high court eted an appeal by an Arab resident of the occupied e of Jordan to set aside a military order expelling him to The Israeli military government had ordered Riad Abu tamallah student, to be expelled on charges of incite- acivity on behalf of illegal Arab commando organ- bu Awad said in his appeal that his actions were not e those of many others in the occupied areas. But the eted the argument, saying that the prosecution had charges against the defendant beyond any reasonable

May 3 (R)—World heavyweight boxing champion d Ali arrived in Tripoli yesterday on a visit to the mahiriyyah, the official Libyan News Agency (JANA). He was met at the airport by representatives of the ympe Committee and the boxing union.

CHURCH, May 3 (R)—An Iranian ban on frozen meat ill be maintained until exporters prove they were using uthers and strictly observed Islamic rites, the religious visiting Iranian delegation said here today. The leader, Sharif Mahdavi, said it may be some months before at exports to his country were likely to be resumed. New xported frozen lamb worth 50 million New Zealand e U.S. dollars) a year to Iran before the overthrow of The Iranian delegation came here to inspect freezing fier a similar visit to Australia.

Israel orders W. Bank universities shut

TEL AVIV, May 3 (AP)—Israeli troops fired tear gas Thursday to quell a demonstration by Palestinian students in the occupied West Bank, and two all-Palestinian universities were ordered closed.

The universities in Bethlehem and Bir Zeit were searched after they were ordered closed for anti-Israel demonstrations.

At the Vatican-supported Bethlehem University students raised the banned Palestinian flag, burned tyres and threw stones at army vehicles. University President Brother Joseph Lowenstein told the Associated Press by telephone.

Troops arrived and surrounded the walled campus, he said, and negotiations started to have the students leave. "They fired tear gas in, and then everything was quiet for a while," Brother Joseph said.

After a four-hour siege, the students filed out, surrendering their identification cards, which they will have to retrieve from the police on Friday, the president said. Bir Zeit University was wounded on Wednesday in a stone-throwing demonstration protesting Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

Dr. Gabi Baranki, acting president at Bir Zeit, said the military authorities "gave me to understand that they were not optimistic that we could reopen soon."

Military sources said Bethlehem University, which had been quiet for more than a month, probably would be allowed to reopen after three or four days.

Witnesses reported, meanwhile, that a scuffle

developed at the Israeli military headquarters in Kamalkh between soldiers and Bir Zeit students and faculty members, who were waiting for other students to emerge from interrogation.

A young American, Michael Derrick, was clubbed across the back when he did not obey an order to move quickly enough, said Leah Abboushi, wife of a Bir Zeit faculty member. She said he was not seriously hurt and did not require hospitalisation. Derrick, about 20, is a son of Dr. Wayne Derrick, an American who is head librarian at the university.

Israeli press reports say some 100 Palestinian youths, many of them Bir Zeit students, waved banned Palestinian flags and barricaded the road Wednesday to protest Jewish settlements in the West Bank and an Israeli nationalist march.

Israeli cars were stoned and shots were fired, wounding one youth. Police are investigating the shooting. The army says no soldiers were in the vicinity at the time. The investigation was focused on the idea that an armed Israeli settler fired the shot, and the Jerusalem Post said witnesses reported one shot came from a carload of Jewish settlers driving to the nationalist march.

The Maariv newspaper reported that the settlers at Neve Tsaf, eight kilometres West of Bir Zeit, called a general strike Thursday to protest the lack of security at Bir Zeit, a town they have to drive through to reach occupied Jerusalem. Israel Radio said the Neve Tsaf settlers were refusing to cooperate with the investigation of the shooting incident.

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Begin outlines 'his' plans for West Bank autonomy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 3 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Menachem Begin met ministerial colleagues today and outlined his ideas on autonomy for more than one million Arab residents of Israeli-occupied territories. His plan is believed to offer a severely limited form of self-rule.

An 11-member committee heard Mr. Begin's proposals for the occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip, as well as suggestions by four other ministers.

A government official told Reuters: "There are only slight differences in the plans and the prime minister's is expected to form the basis of our talks with Egypt."

Israel and Egypt are expected to meet in about three weeks to discuss Palestinian autonomy, the thorniest issue in the protracted talks that led to their recently-concluded bilateral peace treaty. Leaders of both countries have predicted that the autonomy negotiations will be difficult. "All the plans submitted today are fundamentally based on giving Israel maximum security while granting

the residents of Judea, Samaria (West Bank) and Gaza limited self-rule," the official said.

He said Mr. Begin's proposals were based on a 26-point plan submitted to President Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat after their Camp David talks last year.

The prime minister himself said yesterday that under his plan Arab self-rule in the occupied areas would be administrative, not legislative.

An autonomous administrative council would be elected but it would not have legislative powers. Israel would retain responsibility for public security as well as the right to settle anywhere in the areas, Mr. Begin said. Settlements will be put up only on state-owned lands, which he said would also be used to resettle Arab refugees.

Mr. Begin also rejected the reintroduction of a frontier between Israel and the West Bank, captured in the 1967 war.

Arab leaders in the occupied areas have rejected the proposed autonomy plan, saying they will refuse to cooperate with any effort to implement it.

West Bank mayors issued a protest against the autonomy scheme, which they regard as a sellout of their right to independence, and against continued Jewish settlement.

The Israeli ministerial committee is to meet again next Monday to continue its discussion of the proposals.

In Cairo, Egypt today rejected the Israeli autonomy plan for the Palestinians on the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip and said it would obstruct peace efforts in the Middle East.

A foreign ministry statement reported by the official Middle East News Agency said the plan outlined by Mr. Begin "violates agreements reached at Camp David."

The statement said: "All documents signed by Egypt and the U.S. call for a full autonomy for the Palestinians, termination of the Israeli military rule and the withdrawal of the Israeli troops to new specific locations."

Referring to Mr. Begin's plan, the Egyptian statement said: "Such remarks, made for local consumption, give an impression that Israel is placing preconditions for the forthcoming negotiations (between Egypt and Israel) and hence obstruct the peace efforts being exerted to achieve a permanent and just peace in the Middle East."

The statement said the forthcoming negotiations between Egypt and Israel on Palestinian autonomy would be based on the principles of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, now in force.

It said the principles of the peace treaty included the Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and the removal of the Jewish settlements which were established "in violation of international law."

"The settlements include those in the (Syrian) Golan Heights, the Jordan West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem (Arab sector)," the statement added.

It said security could only be established by "recognising the rights of the people in the region, establishing friendly relations and not through occupying their territory."

He was speaking after a call by a Lebanese parliamentary group for him to step down to prepare for a broader political cabinet.

Western Sahara mediation team arrives in Algiers

ALGIERS, May 3 (Agencies)—President Mousa Traore of Mali and head of State Ouseguine Obasanjo of Nigeria arrived today as representatives of an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) subcommittee on the Western Sahara. They were accompanied by OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo.

The subcommittee was to have talks with President Chadli Ben Jedid and a delegation of the Polisario Front.

In Madrid, official sources said today Mauritania Premier Ahmed Ould Bouceif will stop there on Saturday for talks with Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez on the Western Sahara dispute.

The sources said that Lt. Col. Bouceif, returning from talks in Paris with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, would have lunch with Mr. Suarez.

Mr. Suarez is expected to tell Col. Bouceif about his visit this week to Algeria.

Col. Bouceif conferred with King Hassan of Morocco yesterday on the Western Sahara after talks in Nouakchott on Tuesday with the OAU mediation team.

He said after meeting the King in Fez that relations between Morocco and Mauritania were "normal, natural, historic and confident and will remain so."

Dhibouti severs ties with Egypt Sadat's isolation complete

DJIBOUTI, May 3 (R)—Djibouti today joined the majority of Arab states in breaking diplomatic relations with Egypt because of the peace treaty with Israel. Egypt retaliated by breaking relations with Djibouti, the Middle East News Agency said today.

The "provisional" break was announced in a broadcast government communique after a special cabinet meeting.

Djibouti hoped its decision would cause the Cairo government "to rejoin the ranks of Arab nation."

The Djibouti government said it fervently hoped that Arab League heads of state would soon hold a summit meeting to seek solutions to the problems now dividing the Arab nation.

After Djibouti's decision, only three Arab League members—Sudan, Oman and Somalia—retain relations with Egypt.

Besides breaking off diplomatic relations with his Arab adversaries, President Anwar Sadat has launched scathing criticism of leaders of the Arab World.

In particular, his criticism of Saudi Arabia is almost certain to harden Saudi opposition to his peace moves with Israel, according to Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut.

"He may well have sealed his fate as an outcast among the Arab

countries with this outburst," one source said.

In a surprise attack on Tuesday, Mr. Sadat accused Saudi leaders of bribing Arab states to break off relations with Egypt.

One of the sources said: "Mr. Sadat's comments will certainly discourage the Saudis from maintaining any kind of unofficial support for his regime."

President Sadat's criticism came as a surprise in view of Saudi efforts to moderate Arab hostility towards him, the sources said.

Saudi government officials told Reuters last month they would rather try to bring the Egyptian president back into the Arab fold than see him overthrown and replaced by a radical left-wing leader.

Significantly, Riyadh made no reference to economic cooperation when it announced recently it was breaking political and diplomatic relations with Cairo.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani later confirmed that Arab oil was still being pumped through an Egyptian pipeline, despite an Arab League oil embargo imposed last month.

Prince Abdullah, commander of the Saudi national guard and number three in the royal hierarchy, referred to "our dear brothers in Egypt" in a recent interview with the Gulf News Agency.

"I believe that President Sadat, in the next few months, will be convinced of the necessity of cancelling what he has agreed on with the Zionist entity," he said.

There was no immediate official reaction in Riyadh to Mr. Sadat's speech, but Saudi anger was clearly reflected in the kingdom's

semi-official newspapers, which had previously refrained from personal attacks on the Egyptian leader.

The newspaper Al-Jazirah said: "Sadat is dreaming if he thinks for a moment that by starting to insult and abuse the Arab nation he can make his people forget his crime against Arab right."

"He is also dreaming and mistaken—if he thinks his war of abuse against the Arab Nation can make them forget their real war against the Zionist enemy."

Al-Bilad said President Sadat had sold the Arab cause at the cheapest price and sought to reject Saudi Arabia as he did Egypt and opted to fight alongside its biggest enemy.

The English-language Arab News said: "President Sadat, who in the past has shown a remarkable flair for distorting facts and history, has managed to outdo even himself."

"But this country will not enter into the regrettable slander match the Egyptian leader is trying to pull it into."

The Saudi Gazette, an English-language daily, commented: "despite the hysterics of the road-show Sadat is conducting these days, Saudi Arabia will continue with her commitment to Arab unity and welfare."

"It is this consistent and determined Saudi role that will foil Sadat's attempts to push the Arab World into a factional rift."

Mecca-based Al-Nadwa said: "Sadat has shown that he was in complete agreement with Zionist thinking when he declared that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had nothing to do with the West Bank and Gaza."

Conservative win predicted in Britain's general election

LONDON, May 3 (R)—Britons voted today in a watershed general election that could give the country its first woman prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, and the most right-wing government for decades.

Five opinion polls predicted that Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party would defeat the ruling Labour Party of Prime Minister James Callaghan. They put the conservative lead at from two to eight per cent.

But the polls also showed a late surge of support for the third-ranking, middle-of-the-road Liberal Party which could affect the election outcome.

If 53-year-old Mrs. Thatcher gains a clear parliamentary majority, she has pledged to move Britain "in a wholly different direction" and turn back the tide of growing state involvement in all areas of national life.

"I am confident we shall win," she declared after voting at Chelsea town hall, West London.

With Britain shivering through a freakish cold spell, some voters went to the polls in snow and hailstorms. First indications were there would be a big turnout of the record 41.5 million electorate.

In Northern Ireland, where Irish republican guerrillas have vowed to disrupt the election, 30,000 troops and police laid down the biggest security screen in the province's history. The 384 polling stations were ringed by soldiers.

Mr. Callaghan and his wife cast their votes in his Cardiff constituency. "I'm confident I have two votes," he cheerfully said.

conservatives would bring change and chaos, it appeared to have made up ground—largely thanks to the tireless work of 67-year-old Mr. Callaghan.

Opinion polls put his personal popularity higher than Mrs. Thatcher's. The Gallup survey today reported 44 per cent of those questioned considered Mr. Callaghan better prime minister and only 25 per cent preferred Mrs. Thatcher.

But all the polls had the Conservatives ahead. The last to be published, in the London Evening Standard, estimated Conservative support at 45 per cent, Labour 37, Liberals 15 and other minority groups three per cent.

This would give Mrs. Thatcher a majority of more than 40 seats in the 635-member House of Commons and a solid power base to enact her right-wing programme.

If she takes over at 10 Downing Street, Mrs. Thatcher says she will cut income taxes promote private enterprise, slash public expenditure and put legal curbs on trade union power.

Labour have said they will further strengthen the welfare state, put more taxes on the rich and liaise closely with trade unions on the explosive issue of wages.

The opinion polls sent shares soaring with well over £1,000 million (\$2,000 million) being added to London stock market prices. The pound also improved, rising almost a cent to \$2.077.

Bookmakers reported a flood of bets on a Conservative victory. One punter gambled £42,000 (\$84,000) on Mrs. Thatcher securing an overall majority.

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93,000 UNRWA school children's future uncertain

By Ron Cathell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3—The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) may be forced to cancel its preparatory education for 93,000 students living in Syria, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip and the East and West Banks of the Jordan River if sufficient funds are not contributed soon to keep the school programmes operating.

"Preparatory education is in jeopardy because there is insufficient money to cover the programmes," UNRWA director in Jordan Mr. John Tanner said Wednesday.

There is no threat to the current school term, but the next school term, to begin in August, may not witness the opening of classroom doors.

It would be the first time in the history of UNRWA that its budget couldn't support educational services—considered one of the agency's top priorities.

So far this year UNRWA is \$36.5 million short in financing its relief programmes and medical and educational services.

No decision has been made yet on whether to cancel education for

seventh, eighth and ninth grade students and begin termination of staff contracts. The jobs of 3,300 teachers are at stake.

For now, the agency is taking a wait and see approach, hoping that contributions will be received in time to save the programmes.

If money does come in, the first \$10.5 million will go towards education although less than that is needed to keep the preparatory schools from closing. Any substantial contribution would give the education programme enough life to continue operating until further funds are donated.

The present situation is considered very serious, as it could mean the beginning of the end for UNRWA. Year by year the agency is plagued by worsening budget problems resulting from ever increasing operation costs. The agency, relying solely on voluntary contributions from governments and organisations, has not been receiving enough funds to keep peace with its increased costs. UNRWA has appealed to U.N. members to help. Jordan is one of the nations trying to raise funds for UNRWA.

It is also a serious situation for the host countries of the refugees. Their schools are likely to be

called upon to absorb a flood of new students. And there is some question of how well, if at all, host countries' schools can bear the extra load, leaving a big question mark as to where 93,000 young refugee students will turn for their education.

2nd annual Iraqi payment received

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.)—Jordan has received from Iraq the second payment of financial aid as allocated by the Arab summit conference resolutions in Baghdad to front line states, Finance Minister Mohammad Dabbas announced here today.

He said Iraq was the first Arab state to fulfil its national commitment on schedule. According to the summit resolutions the Arab donor states are to pay up their shares in three payments per year.

Iraq is committed to pay \$180 million of the \$1,250 million pledge of annual financial support for Jordan made by rich Arab states at the Baghdad conference.

Regional Hijaz Railway meeting postponed

AMMAN, May 3 (R)—A meeting of transport and communications ministers from Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, which was to have been held late last month, has been postponed indefinitely, Transport Ministry officials said here today.

The meeting had been called to award a contract for a feasibility study on rebuilding the 850 mile (1350 km) railway line linking Damascus, Amman and Medina.

The officials said it was up to the ministers to agree on a new date for their meeting. The postponement came as a result of new important commitments, the officials added.

NOTEBOOK

Elections as opportunities

By Rami G. Khouri

IT IS ARGUED by the torchbearers of conventional wisdom that the Arabs should expect little movement from the United States on solving the Palestinian issue during the coming 18 months, because this is the height of the electioneering period in the United States, when it is impossible for an aspirant to the presidency to do anything but heap praise on Israel.

I do not accept this argument, and I believe that it is a convenient excuse for the Arab World to sit on its hands, licking its wounds and driving itself into an increasingly unproductive frenzy of worry, self-doubt and political impotence.

I am an inveterate optimist because I cannot see any possible solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict that does not satisfy the national aspirations of the Palestinians, and there is no other place to do this than in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

This is not my own view only, but that of the global consensus that is resisted only by the government of Israel. Therefore, it is only a question of time and the right combination of diplomatic activity that forces the Israelis to withdraw to the 1967 borders and simultaneously activates that process of Palestinian national self-determination that is 30, if not 60, years overdue. The Israeli government today pledges it will never let this happen. In fact, this will happen, and I think it will happen within no more than five years, for the very simple reason that there is no other alternative.

The corollary to this is that it will never happen by itself, and it will certainly never happen as a result of an Arab approach that decides to take a two-year vacation every time there is a presidential election in the United States.

The rights of the Palestinians have nothing to do with electoral timetables 9,000 kilometres away from Jerusalem. For anyone to institute such a tie-up is an evasion of responsibility reflecting the absence of a coherent strategy to bring about the kind of fair peace that has also been sighted, in its outlines at least, by the overwhelming majority of peoples and states. This is the consensus of U.N. resolutions 242 and 338, based on the reciprocal recognition of Palestinian and Israeli national rights and political legitimacy.

But while I am certain that Palestinian national rights will be satisfied in Palestine itself, I am also certain that this will never happen until the Israelis are grabbed by their fat little necks and brought kicking and screaming into the arena of common sense and realism.

It is naive to think that the United States is either willing or able to do this by itself. It is not. Furthermore, left to themselves, without an effective counterforce from the Arab World, the Americans and Israelis will simply perpetuate the status quo that is based on the principle that not only should the Palestinians remain disenfranchised, but they should also remain ignored. The Israelis institute this as an active policy: the Americans do it in a more passive way, such as by ignoring the PLO.

The fact that all this can go on is a reflection of an imbalance in the global diplomatic arena. There is no credible Arab force today that compels the Americans to do anything different from

what they have done in the past two years, which is essentially to formulate a Mideast strategy based on a combination of political expediency and personal desperation.

But this does not happen in a vacuum. It happens because the rest of the Arab World refuses to come up with a coherent political strategy that mobilises all Arab resources to a) lay to rest the silly Camp David approach, and b) compel the United States and the Western world in general to push actively for a reasonable peace settlement based on the principles of 242.

It is necessary, in the first instance, to hit the Americans over the head with the Palestinian reality, and to make them understand that the Arab-Israeli conflict will only be solved when American power and influence are directed towards making Israel accept the Palestinians, reversing the present course of using American power and influence to sweep the full dimensions of the Palestinian nation under the diplomatic and linguistic rug.

This means a strong and coherent Arab offensive is required to swamp Camp David under the full force of its own contradictions. What we have seen to date in the Arab World is a series of defensive and largely symbolic steps geared more to satisfying the psychological dictates of Arab unity than to the practical requirements of a global diplomatic process that is supposed to lead to a fair peace in Palestine.

It is difficult to see how the Americans or Israelis are to take the Arabs seriously, when the Arabs have reacted to the Camp David process by only a minimal strategy based on the lowest common denominator, and reflecting an attitude that reminds one, procedurally, of stonewalling tactics that can perhaps be seen in operation at the very best, though not even then, as assured.

Have we really given the Americans any reason to take us seriously? Have we translated our unquestioned determination to resist the historical hooliganism and intellectual criminality of Camp David into an offensive force that has a practical meaning?

Have we given the Israelis any good reason to take us seriously? Or have we only reaffirmed their thinking that they can wrap the American nation around their little finger, and the Arabs do nothing to alter the situation?

The American election year is not a neutral Mideast peace-making. It is an opportunity for the hand of Mr. Carter. It is a timely opportunity to push Mr. Carter to make those important decisions that he has so far avoided making in favour of the expediency that Mr. Sadat offers him.

The lack of any coherent Arab strategy to force Mr. Carter to shower flowers on Israel by the next 18 months. But the emergence of an Arab offensive geared to the reasonable peace inherent in the principles of resolution 242 may reverse the situation, and may give Mr. Carter the resolve to support that he has always lacked to grab Israelis by their fat little necks and bring them to the head with the Palestinian reality. We should fear elections; we should pounce on them, vigorously.

Burnt bridges

PRESIDENT SADAT now stands alone on the other side of a gulf of hostility which he has created between himself and the rest of the Arab World.

His contemptuous, and contemptible, remarks the other day about Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians leave no room for further dealings with him -- at least until he chooses to pull back from the reckless and treacherous road that he has defiantly set out on. Even responsible officials in Sudan, which has been wedded to Egypt in an association that was fast approaching federation, now feel obliged to dissociate themselves from the anti-Arab venom that is pouring out of Cairo.

The Saudis have every justification in expressing uncharacteristic outrage, as they have done, about Mr. Sadat's mean verbal barrage against them. By ridiculing their contribution to efforts to hold the Arab consensus together in the face of Mr. Sadat's dangerous irresponsibility, and by defaming the late King Faisal, the Egyptian president has committed a grievous offence which serves no other purpose than to cast grave doubt on his own ability to distinguish fact from fantasy.

Equally grievous were his slanderous assertions about the Palestinians, whom he described as having no rightful authority over their own national destiny. To say this at a time when Sadat proposes to lend Egypt's considerable weight to an all-out Zionist effort to perpetuate eternally the occupation of the Palestinian and Arab homeland is to add furious insult to crippling injury.

What worries us most about Mr. Sadat's frenzied haranguing, however, is his seeming desire to take the whole Egyptian people with him to the brink of the precipice, from where they are presumably to spend the rest of their lives screaming insults at their Arab brethren. This does an extreme disservice—perhaps the ultimate one, in its sense of national betrayal—to the Egyptian people. It damages them not only by denying the present generation of Egyptians a share of the true peace which they, as much as us, if not more than the entire Arab nation, crave and deserve, but by cutting Egyptians adrift from the historical, cultural, political and, yes, financial links which they need to survive and endure as a part of the great Arab People. It is criminal, in the name of political arrogance or opportunism, to try to pit Egyptian against Palestinian, Egyptian against Saudi, Egyptian against Jordanian, Egyptian against Syrian, in this way. It is especially criminal for Mr. Sadat to do this while at the same time opening his arms wide to welcome and embrace the Zionists who are all the while maintaining and consolidating their suppression of the national rights of the Palestinians and other Arabs.

Recent Arab history is replete with examples of national leaders overcoming momentary or periodic estrangement in the name of the greater welfare of themselves and their people. President Sadat, however, has now set new standards of contemptibility, discourtesy and dishonour. Our response shall have to be measured accordingly.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

IN ITS EDITORIAL Thursday AL RA'I says that His Majesty King Hussein's address on Labour Day aptly sums up Jordan's stand when he said that Jordan derives its strength from "defending its rights, not from intransigence concerning just solutions to the conflict in the area."

Condemning Sadat for devising false charges against the founder of the Kingdom, late King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, the paper refers to the Egyptian president as an "ignoble" person trying to satisfy Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

In conclusion, the paper says that although Sadat was the one who promulgated the "law of shame" (that to speak badly of a fellow Arab is shameful) in Egypt, he does not seem to abide by his own rules.

AL DUSTOUR likewise devotes its editorial comments to praise of the King's Labour Day speech from which it quotes extensively. The paper places particular importance on the King's differentiating between Jordan's firm stand based on the legitimacy of Arab rights and a policy of intransigence on Middle East issues.

The paper also concurs with the King's statement that Jordan will continue to address the world rationally and moderately, and his call for Arabs to stick together in order to be able to build up their strength in the face of "coveting foreign powers."

In conclusion, the paper hopes that Arabs will stop merely reacting to events as they develop, but rather take the actions necessary for them to regain their "usurped rights."

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Licence plate factory, auto electronic tester inaugurated

AMMAN, May 3 (JNA)—Interior Minister Suleiman Arar deputised for His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today in opening an exhibition of modern training aids for car drivers, an electronic car tester and a factory for producing

licence plates at the Motor Vehicle Department in Marka.

Attending the opening ceremony were Minister of Public Works Sa'id Bino, Minister of Finance Mohammad Dabbas, and the acting Director General of the Public Security Directorate Khalaf Rafe.

The audience was briefed on the functions of each section and the new procedures being introduced for testing cars and training drivers.

The production of licence plates will be the sole responsibility of the new factory, and other workshops to produce plates illegally are to stop, a spokesman for the department said.

All vehicles will have to be tested by the new electronic device before their licences can be re-newed, the spokesman added.

Special forces celebrate anniversary

AMMAN, May 3 (JNA)—The army special forces held a celebration last night under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein on the anniversary of the forces' establishment.

At the celebration, King Hussein distributed cups and prizes to officers excelling in the performance of their duties.



"Where to" is the title of this oil painting by Zaki Shaqfeh on exhibit at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth. Another painting with this caption was printed by mistake in yesterday's paper.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Has the following vacancies for teacher for the 79-80 school year. Must have a BA degree, two years teaching experience is highly desirable.

Please send resume before May 13, 1979 to American Community School, American Embassy, Amman, Jordan, Attn: Personal.

Full time positions: 8th, 9th, 10th grade English; 8th, 9th, 10th grade social studies; 8th, 9th, 10th grade math; 7th grade English and social studies; 4th grade teacher; 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th grade physical education and to act as department head.

Part time positions: 6th through 10th grade beginning French (a.m. hours); 6th grade math and science (p.m. hours).

Also Wanted: Full time experienced secretary to be typist/receptionist.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Art

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of drawings and paintings by German children at the Haya Arts Centre. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by Zaki Shaqfeh and Yasser Dwaik at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth.

Children's Books Exhibit

The Friends of Children's Club presents an exhibit of children's books at the Palace of Culture. The exhibit is open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Children's Art Exhibit

The British Council presents an exhibition of picture by school-children from the Zarqa Governorate. The exhibit is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibit of photos on Provence, which is open during regular hours.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Pierre Garnier-Deferre entitled "Le train" at 7:30 p.m. The film is in colour, French version with Arabic subtitles.

Friends of Archaeology

Stephen Urice is leading a visit to two desert castles, Qasr Khirana and Quseir 'Amra, starting off at 8:30 a.m. from in front of the Dept. of Antiquities.

Coming & Going

Communications under secretary leaves for Doha

AMMAN, May 3 (JNA)—Under-secretary of the Ministry of Communications Faris Sarayreh left for Doha, Qatar today to take part in the Arab Postal Union (APU)'s extraordinary session and later the 10-day meeting of a team coordinating air transport of Arab mail which will start on May 15. At the head of the APU executive council's agenda is the suspension of Egypt's membership in the Union and the transfer of APU's headquarters from Cairo to another Arab capital in implementation of Arab foreign and economy ministers' resolutions in Baghdad, Mr. Sarayreh said. He added that the council will coordinate Arab positions with regard to the Universal Postal Union (UPU)'s conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro in September, and to nominate Arab candidates for UPU's executive.

and consultative council. In his stay in Doha, Mr. Sarayreh will hold talks with delegates on strengthening dan's cooperation with their tries in Postal affairs and exchange of visits by postal officials in Arab countries. Mr. Sarayreh is accompanied by a member delegation from Ministry of Communications.

Women's delegation Baghdad meet

BAGHDAD, May 3 (JNA)—Jordanian delegation arrived today to take part in a conference on the role of women in aligned and developing nations. The delegation is led by Dr. Uma Al Dahhan who expressed hope that the conference will light the importance and contribution of women to development of their nation.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

ENGLISH CLASSES — 1978/9

FOURTH TERM

The British Council is starting classes for fourth term on Monday, May 7. If you are interested in attending English classes, please call at the British Council for full information. Registration and placement tests take place from

Wednesday, May 2 to Saturday, May 5, from 9.12.45

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K ions as rtunities rdan Weekly Calendar

COLUMN is a weekly listing, without charge, of events taking place in Amman and other parts of Jordan which the public is interested in knowing about or participating in. Published each Friday edition of this paper, the listing covers seven days starting from Friday morning and ending the following evening. Events included are cultural activities (concerts, art exhibits, etc.), cultural centre films, cine club films, video-tape programmes and documentaries, excursions and sports; special occasion festivals (e.g. excursions of historical or archaeological interest); club activities that are open to the public or are not; and exclusive membership.

Events listed in Jordan Weekly Calendar will also be listed in "What's Going On" on the day of the event. This listing is not charge.

Interested in having their events listed in this column are requested to contact the Jordan Times, or send descriptive (preferably by hand), during the previous week until 11:00 a.m. Photographs and art work are also welcome.

(Week of May 4 - 10)

EXHIBITIONS

UING: The exhibition of drawings and paintings by West students can be seen at the Haya Arts Centre until May 5. By the Goethe Institute, this exhibit was organised by German artist, Ruth Leibnitz, and covers the themes of environment, child and symbol and child and book.

in Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth, an exhibition by Zaki Shaleh and Yasser Dawid is on display until May 10.

sition of photos on the theme of Provence in France is at the French Cultural Centre until the end of the month.

May 4: The Friends of Children's Club presents the debut of children's books at the Palace of Culture. The books are suitable for children aged one to 18 years and there is a 20% discount on exhibited books. The books display until May 11, open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

British Council, an exhibition of children's art consisting of school-children from the Governorate of Zarqa, is on display until May 9, excluding Sunday, May 6. This exhibit was in collaboration with the Jordanian Artists' Association.

FILMS

May 4: The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Jean-Louis Trintignant, "Le train" (1972), starring Jean-Louis Trintignant, Maurice Biraud and Jean-Louis Trintignant. The film starts at 7:30 p.m., and will be repeated on Sunday at the same time. It is in colour, French subtitles in English.

May 7: The Goethe Institute is showing four films of a television detective series known as "Tatort", starting on Tuesday (in English). The second film is on TUESDAY, and is entitled "Acht Jahre Später" (in German). The film is on WEDNESDAY, May 9, and is entitled "Der fuhr Trimmel" (in English), and the last is on THURSDAY, May 10, and is entitled "AE 617 ohne Land" (in German). All showings are at 8:00 p.m.

May 8: The British Council presents a film by Ridley Scott, "The Duellists" (1977), starring Keith Carradine, Albert Finney, Edward Fox and Diana Quick. The film is at 6:00 p.m. Free entry tickets to reserve seats are at the desk.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

May 7: The French Cultural Centre presents an 11 presentation on Provence entitled "L'heritage de Provence". There will be a repeat on Tuesday at the same time.

EXCURSION

May 4: The Friends of Archaeology are visiting two sites, Qasr Kharrana and Qasr Amra, starting out at 8:00 a.m. from the Dept. of Antiquities. The trip will be led by Uric, who is writing his PhD thesis on Kharrana.

Prince Hassan: Israel fears aftermath of a just peace

AMMAN, May 3 -- Israel is putting the squeeze on the West Bank and Jordan is coming under pressure "from those involved in the Camp David agreement" because of Jordan's adherence to its declared position on the occupied territories, Jerusalem in particular. His Highness Crown Prince Hassan has said.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti daily, Al Qabas this week, Prince Hassan made it clear that Israel is refusing to withdraw in the borders of 1967 and to allow the Palestinians self-determination because of that were to happen the Arabs in Jordan, the West Bank and those living in Israel itself taken together, would constitute a potent force outnumbering the Jews. The Arabs would then account for 55 per cent of the population of Palestine and Jordan and the Jews only 45 per cent. In that event the effectiveness of the Arab majority would become apparent, and that is precisely what Israel is trying to prevent.

Asked whether plots were being hatched against Jordan, the Prince replied that a plot has been at work since 1967 when the Israeli occupation began. Israel has pursued a policy of geographically cutting up the territory of the West Bank with Jewish settlements, dividing population concentrations from each other, disrupting the life of the occupied territory and breaking up its economic links with Jordan while making it economically dependent on Israel.

Israeli settlements began as military camps west of the Jordan River and gradually turned into a ring of settlements around the Nablus area. Israeli settlements now exercise a ring of control in the north and a circle of control in the south, the Prince added.

The Camp David peace process has excluded Jerusalem from all the negotiations; this is an attempt on the part of Israel to reduce the effectiveness of the concentration of Arab population. In order to fully achieve this purpose, Israel has besieged Jerusalem with a ring of settlements. Not only that, but it has also embarked on economic measures aimed at depriving the Arabs of the natural resources of their country.

Actually, the Israeli settlements constitute only six per cent of the area of the West Bank, yet with the land around them being expropriated for settlement purposes, they will take up 27 per cent of the total area of the West Bank, he said.

Emphasising that Israel is fighting the Arabs economically, Prince Hassan explained that the Israeli measures have rendered the Arabs living in the north less productive, while those in the south are deprived of the chance of exploiting the fertile area of the Jordan Valley.

Israel has become the primary

supplier of the West Bank which imports 90 per cent of its needs from Israel, and only 2 per cent from Jordan.

Touching on the problem of the refugees, he said that in addition to hosting over 300,000 Palestinian refugees, Jordan is facing further pressures aimed at keeping the problem of the Palestinian refugees a dynamic one in Israel's interest.

As an example, he said that 22,000 Arab youths who had been engaged in manual labour in Israel last year left the West Bank for Jordan and the Gulf. This new phenomenon which Israel is exporting is part of what an Israeli study described as "the tactical leap". Prince Hassan went on.

Jordan constitutes a buffer state between Israel on the one hand and Mecca, Medina and the oil-producing states on the other. It is only natural that Jordan should be the target of conspiracies such as those of stirring sectarian conflicts as Israel had done in Lebanon.

Explaining the Israeli systems of neutralising Arab majorities, Prince Hassan cited the example of Nazareth and the clamp down on the Arabs there on the Day of the Land in 1976. He also pointed out that the "Hakkad Republic" in south Lebanon constitutes an Israeli sphere of influence, and that any future conflict in the area will endanger the lives of the besieged Arab population. This is part of an Israeli scheme which Jordan is trying to expose, the Prince said.

Asked whether he anticipated an Israeli attack against Jordan or some other Arab country, Prince Hassan said that the years of the U.S. presidential elections are known to be the time when Israel embarks on military operations against the Arabs.

The fact remains, he added, that the U.S. cannot curb Israel's ambitions. Moreover, "the U.S. commitments to Israel's security has exceeded all reasonable limits. Israel is always on the lookout for an opportunity" for military adventure, he said, as happened recently in south Lebanon. "In practice, there is indeed a serious danger," the Prince said.

Answering a question on the role of the U.S. in the Middle East, Prince Hassan said that the separate Egyptian-Israeli treaty implies that the U.S. has lost its objective outlook. The U.S. is no longer an honest broker, "it has become a part of the problem," he said.

"The United States should reconsider the usefulness of contributing to the quest for peace in this manner," he added. "If the United States is under the impression that its current contribution is going to be decisive for the question of war or peace in the Middle East, it is entirely mistaken."

The Prince suggested that the U.S. should go back to the line of

policy pursued by previous administrations. U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and Kissinger's efforts were steps in the right direction, he said.

In an answer to a question, he said the role prescribed for Jordan at Camp David was not acceptable. "Jordan's participation in the reorganisation of the occupation of the West Bank, as envisaged at Camp David, is inadmissible," he said.

Answering a question on the impact of the separate Egyptian-Israeli treaty on Jordan's domestic front, and whether there are attempts to fabricate incidents designed to kindle civil strife in Jordan as happened in Lebanon, he said reports in the foreign press on what is going on within Jordan are inaccurate at times.

There should be more objective reporting, he added. The press should avoid the propagation of extremist propaganda serving Israeli plans to divide the Arabs into factions among which Israel would be the dominant power.

Lashing out at tribal ethnocentrism, the Prince said: "It is my belief that for a man to have Palestinian, Jordanian, Turkoman, Armenian, Azerbaijan or Eastern affiliations indicates a weakness and an incapacity to face up to the challenge of our times." Public consciousness is the only guarantee of cohesion on the domestic front, he went on.

Jordan's policy of open bridges, its cooperation with the Arabs in the occupied territories and its encouragement to them to stay on their lands, its trade with the West Bank, trying to keep the Jordanian administrative set-up going in the West Bank and the role played by the Jordanian religious endowments, institutions in Jerusalem and the holy places are factors which bolster the legitimacy of Arab sovereignty over the occupied territories, he said.

"I do not believe there is any difference of opinion between the PLO and ourselves in so far as all this is concerned. On the contrary, we have been receiving pleas from the Arabs of the West Bank that Jordan should continue to assume its responsibilities in these matters."

"We hope that such responsibilities will be temporary pending the termination of the occupation and until such time as the Palestinian people can express their will in their own land, determine their future, and decide on the form of relationship they want" with Jordan, he said.

"The Baghdad resolutions have in practice strengthened the sense of Arab solidarity at a crucial period when our identity as Arabs and our capacity to survive in this region as nations with a noble past and future is at stake. Our ability to do this is linked to our capacity to cooperate, and to focus on what we believe to be important now and in the future. It is also linked to our capacity to generate Arab strength which is founded on political strength and the power of persuasion," the Prince said.

Arab coordination must be comprehensive. Economic, social and military cooperation are essential, particularly now that Israel has realised its historic dream of separating Egypt from the rest of the Arab nation, he said.

"I believe," Prince Hassan continued, "that if we Arabs stick together at this juncture, then we can prove to the majority of the American people that the U.S. policy of placing its bets on Israel on the one hand, and on Egypt on the other, simply because it is the most populous Arab state, is wrong."

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'A smile can set a lot of crooked things straight'

By Sara O'Neill
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 -- Any visitor to the Jordan Times last night would have been surprised to come across a tall, burly and gregarious "Aussie" dressed in the uniform of the Australian Outback Police and with a black and white kelly wrapped around his head.

Geoff Little, senior constable with the New South Wales Police Force, had settled down, typewriter perched on his knees, to jotting down his impressions of this part of the world.

Constable Little, or the "Smiling Policeman" as he has been nicknamed back home in Sydney, is more than just another "Aussie" travelling overseas by bus from Australia to London. As Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Organisation of Australia, he is contributing in his own individualistic way to the International Year of the Child.

He is raising funds in as many different cities as possible that dot his route across Asia and Europe chiefly by participating in Marathon runs of which he is being sponsored. Furthermore, he is doing his best to promote good relations between the police and the public.

In his capacity as Associate Secretary of the Australian branch of the International Police Association for Turkey and all points east, he has also been in touch with many police headquarters in such exotic places as Bangkok, Kabul (Afghanistan), Istanbul and Damascus, and this week in Amman.

The highlight of his trip so far has definitely been a meeting with the Desert Police Geoff informed yesterday as we sat, covered in layers of sand inside a police Land Rover, somewhere south of Amman, temporarily brought to a standstill while a blinding sandstorm swirled across the highway.

His colleagues in Sydney will be thrilled to read about his encounter with the Desert Police at Al Jiza since, as he explained to the somewhat disbelieving captain in charge at Al Jiza, the Jordanian Desert Police are "as famous as the Canadian Mounties and the British 'Bobbies' and even more romantic than the Australian Outback Police!"

To better understand how a policeman could become a goodwill ambassador, something hitherto unheard of in Australia at least, one has to appreciate the extraordinary popularity. Senior Constable Little seems to have earned in the two and half years since a Sydney newspaper first coined the phrase the "Smiling Policeman."

Geoff entered the New South Wales Police Force half a lifetime ago at the age of 16 and set to learn as many skills as possible starting with shorthand and typing, which he subsequently taught cadets, marathon running, which is now his way of raising funds for charity, and singing, which he studied for two years at the Sydney Conservatorium.

His smiling face and hearty way of greeting motorists started earning him a certain amount of fame, first in Australia and then in places he visited such as the Philippines and Honolulu.

Constable Little, who has met with a fair amount of opposition from some of his disapproving colleagues, believes most strongly in the importance of public relations in a policeman's job, stressing that he has "tried to relate to the public in every possible way."

His first exercise in public rela-



The ever-smiling Geoff Little perches on top of a camel at Al Jiza desert outpost. Standing next to him is one of the post's guards.

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International Year of the Child. This tour is his third in the last year or so, as he has previously toured the Philippines and Hong Kong and then Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States, although not as goodwill Ambassador, in honour only recently bestowed on him.

After flying from Sydney to Katmandu via Singapore and Bangkok, Geoff took part in his first marathon run, with the Gurkhas down the Kaji Pass and raised money for an orphanage there. Continuing his trip by bus he has also run in Kashmir and since then at stopovers along the route, the last time being a jog one night in Amman.

For every kilometre that he runs and has timed he is being sponsored by five different organisations in Australia, including ethnic community groups. Proceeds will go towards a programme to combat the trachoma problem among Aborigine children in central Australia. Today he set out for the occupied West Bank, where he will be hosted by the United Nations and hopefully stage a marathon run from Jerusalem to Jericho, the proceeds of which will go to UNRWA, since Geoff believes that Palestinian children in this area are the most deserving of help.

While in Amman, UNRWA arranged for him to visit the Baqa'a refugee camp and meet some schoolchildren. After taking an overland bus in Europe and visiting U.N. headquarters in Geneva, Geoff will participate in one final marathon from Dover to London before flying back home. His experiences will no doubt be well publicised when he returns to Sydney in June and starts writing for a variety of magazines.

Geoff Little poses with the captain of the outpost together with some of the post's staff members. (Photos by Sara O'Neill).



Children are focus of YWCA flower show

by Serene R. Farraj
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 -- The seventh Flower Show sponsored by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) was held at the Intercontinental Hotel today under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma. The title of the show, "Our Children, Our Flowers", was chosen in honour of the International Year of the Child.

Some 500 women seated themselves around the swimming pool for tea and cake before entering the fragrant show room.

The show was divided into two sections, the children's section and the women's section. The children's section consisted of displays of pressed flowers mounted on square or oblong cards, ceramic tiles or wood, and toys (such as cars, dolls, trains) decorated with fresh flowers, leaves, fruit or vegetables.

Children of diverse nationalities composed displays depicting scenes from their own countries—a farm, a bedouin wedding, an African village, etc.—by arranging small fresh flowers and leaves. They also created animals, birds, and space creatures from vegetables, fruits, pine cones and other materials. "They have used

material with such creativity and imagination," one admiring lady commented.

The women's section consisted of displays made by Jordanian and non-Jordanian women which included arrangements by Japanese ladies in Jordan. The Japanese creations were of particular interest as they demonstrated the art of "flower language". The section also included table flower arrangements of fresh flowers and foliage, flowers arranged in baskets made of banana leaves, bird cages, etc.

The most unique and educational contributions came from University of Jordan students from the faculty of Agriculture, who arranged flowers in a scientific way to teach children how to protect and preserve nature.

Flower shops also demonstrated the talents of Jordanian participants who made some exotic displays.

Princess Basma gave citations to the contributors of the most attractive displays.

Free arrangements of fresh flowers and foliage created by women.



MAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
oleum Co.	JD 5,000	2,022	6,720	6,750	6,740
ent Factories	JD 10,000	2,860	—	14,500	14,300
phate Mines	JD 1,000	2,208	—	2,240	2,220
naceutical Co.	JD 5,000	2,652	—	—	22,650
nk	JD 1,000	116	1,160	—	1,160
a Development and	JD 1,000	2,385	2,600	2,650	2,600
ing Co.	JD 1,000	345	0,940	0,950	0,940
ricity Co.	JD 1,000	2,118	1,420	1,430	1,420
mic Industries	JD 1,000	440	0,880	0,890	0,880
niun Co.	JD 1,000	890	0,890	0,910	0,890
y Co.	JD 1,000	748	1,350	1,380	1,360
ment Bank	JD 1,000	1,325	1,060	1,080	1,060
onal Bank	JD 5,000	7,844	7,500	7,600	7,500
an Bank	JD 5,000	1,610	8,050	8,100	8,050
urance Co.	JD 10,000	2,287	91,500	93,000	91,500
ational Hotels Co.	JD 5,000	2,397	—	6,950	6,850
	JD 5,000	1,000	19,000	22,000	20,000
	JD 1,000	655	0,680	0,690	0,690

re traded, Thursday, May 3: JD 33,902
er of shares traded: 10,395

COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
Development Bonds	JD 5,000	843	168	1980	5,020
	JD 5,000	812	156	1982	5,210
	JD 10,000	1,560	150	1988	10,400

traded: JD 3,215
r of bonds traded: 474

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be clear to partly cloudy with westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba there will be hazy weather, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	11	25
Aqaba	16	34
Deserts	12	27
Jordan Valley	15	32

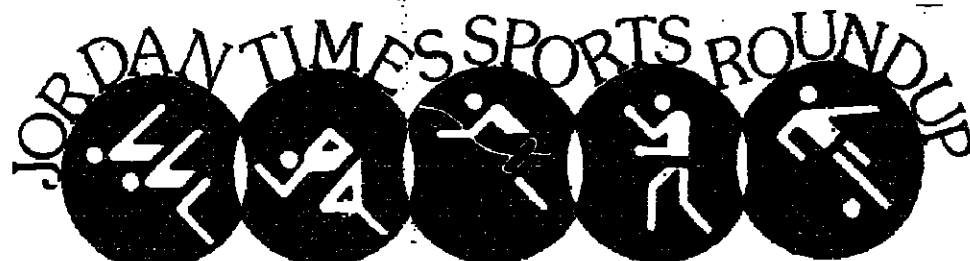
LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	305.00/306.00
U.K. sterling	629.00/633.00
West German mark	159.90/160.10
Swiss franc	176.50/177.60
French franc	69.60/70.00
Italian lire	(for every 100)
Japanese yen	(for every 100)
Dutch guilder	(for every 100)
Belgian franc	(for every 100)

English County Cricket Championship

LONDON, May 3 (R) -- Snow greeted the start of the English County Cricket Championship yesterday but failed to stop an impressive batting performance by Yorkshire against Northamptonshire at Middlesbrough. Despite six weather interruptions, including one when snow fell, Yorkshire made 322 for eight on a slow pitch off their 100 first innings overs. Opener Richard Lumby scored 113 in 245 minutes while John Hampshire celebrated his first match as Yorkshire's captain with the brightest batting of the day. 55 in 65 minutes with a six and eight fours.

Geoff Boycott, the man Hampshire deposed as captain, hit five fours in his 53. West Indian Gordon Greenidge was in commanding form for Hampshire against Glamorgan at Southampton, making 81 out of a score of 179 for three. He pounded two sixes and ten fours during his 142 minutes at the crease. Joel Garner, Somerset's West Indian fast bowler, took three for 15 at Worcester but New Zealander Glenn Turner, Worcestershire's acting captain, rallied his side with an enterprising 57. Worcestershire finished on 167 for four.



\$110,000 Women's Team Federation Tennis Cup for a record eighth time, today face their first match in the tournament against unseeded West Germany. The United States moved through to the second round automatically after the Philippines, their first

round opponents, withdrew from the 32-nation cup. Australia, seeded two, face Yugoslavia today. The Australian trio of Kerry Reid, Dianne Fromholtz and Wendy Turnbull should find few problems in reaching the quarter finals, despite the fine form

showed so far by Mina Jansovec. Britain, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia all reached the quarter-finals yesterday. The upset of the tournament came with the defeat of semi-finalist Romania by Switzerland. The teenage pair of Christine Lissaint and Petra Delhees beat the experienced Romanians Mariana Simionescu, Bjorn Borg's fiancée, was narrowly defeated in an exciting match by the left-handed Delhees and Swiss couple went on to win the doubles 6-4, 6-2. Britain must hard work for beating unranked Belgium while Czechoslovakia, their opponents in the quarter-finals, won both singles in their 2 defeat of Sweden. Britain's number one player, Virginia Wade, said her doubles partnership with Sue Barker should enable Britain to reach the semi-finals. In other second round matches today Japan meet Holland and France play Italy.

European Soccer Championship matches

LONDON, May 3 (R) -- Poland halted the triumphant march of World Cup finalists Holland in the European Soccer Championship in Chorzow last night, beating them 2-0 and so opening qualifying Group Four. The Dutch, who had won their four previous matches, fell behind to a goal by Zbigniew Boniek in minutes and a penalty for hands, converted by Wlodzislaw Mazur -- a second half substitute -- sealed up the match with the second half to the joy of the 90,000 crowd in Germany, who beat the Dutch in the 1974 World Cup in a victory over Wales in Wrexham. The Germans, who had previously played only two goalless draws in the championships, ahead in half an hour through a Herbert Zimmermann header and early in the second half Klaus Fischer headed the goal. Wales still head the group -- Group Seven -- but their progress having completed their away programme, must be favourable overhauling them. Two other countries recorded 2-0 victories -- the Irish, rivals in Group One. The Irish Republic, Denmark in Dublin and their northern neighbours, with a half goal, not only mastered the Bulgarians in Belfast but frogged over England to head the group. Chris Nicholl's header put the Northern Irish ahead, and ten minutes before half Gerry Armstrong made it two. In Dublin, Alan Smith threatened to tear the Irish defence apart in the first half, somehow the Irishmen hung on and Gerry Daly snatched the last just before half time. A Don Givens header midway through the second half completed the frustration of the Danes. In Bucharest the Greeks held Hungary to a goalless draw, so retaining a slim lead in Group Six, while in Vienna, Austria and their Group visitors, Belgium, also failed to score. Portugal, one point behind pacemakers Austria, have two matches in hand. The Belgians have drawn all four matches so far.

Baseball Standings

American League

EAST		W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	16	9	.640	—	
Boston	14	8	.636	½	
Milwaukee	14	10	.583	1½	
New York	11	12	.478	4	
Detroit	8	9	.471	4	
Cleveland	7	15	.318	7½	
Toronto	7	17	.292	8½	

WEST		W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	19	7	.682	—	
California	16	9	.640	½	
Texas	13	8	.619	1½	
Kansas City	12	11	.522	3½	
Chicago	9	12	.429	5½	
Oakland	9	15	.375	7	
Seattle	8	17	.320	8½	

Wednesday's games

Minnesota 7, Toronto 5.
Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 1.
Texas 3, Kansas City 2.
Boston 2, Oakland 1.
California 1, New York 0.

National League

Detroit at Chicago. postponed. rain.

National League				
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	15	5	.750	—
Philadelphia	14	6	.700	1
St. Louis	11	10	.524	4½
Chicago	9	10	.474	5½
New York	8	11	.421	6½
Pittsburgh	8	12	.400	7
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	15	8	.652	—
Cincinnati	12	11	.522	3
San Diego	10	14	.417	5½
San Francisco	10	14	.417	5½
Los Angeles	10	15	.400	6
Atlanta	8	14	.364	6½

Wednesday's games

Pittsburgh 10, Atlanta 2.
St. Louis 5, Houston 2.
Cincinnati 4, Chicago 1.

Tal leads Karpov in world chess tourney

MONTREAL, May 3 (R) -- The two leaders, Anatoly Karpov and Mikhail Tal, both of the Soviet Union, played to a draw yesterday in the 16th round of the \$110,000 Man and his World chess tournament, allowing Mr. Tal to keep his half-point lead over the world champion. The four other games were adjourned after five hours of play. They involved Lajos Portisch of Hungary versus Lubomir Kavalek of the United States, Bent Larsen of Denmark against Jan Timman of the Netherlands, Robert Huebner of West Germany and Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union and Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia versus Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Timman is a pawn up on Mr. Larsen and was believed to have a good chance to win. Mr. Spassky, a former world champion, seemed to have the upper hand over Mr. Huebner. Mr. Portisch and Mr. Ljubojevic seemed to have the advantage in their matches. Two rounds remain in the tournament.

Women's Team Federation Cup matches

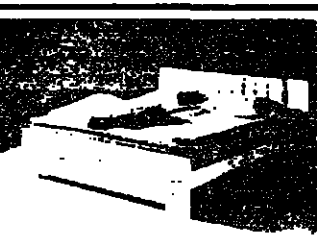
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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

by the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are inclined to break long condition but by being very quiet you can correct answers from deep within yourself. It's silent time for enjoying yourself and for being alive in your ideas, thoughts.

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle responsibilities to ideas of others that could be of help to you. Entertaining of those who are devoted to you.

(Apr. 20 to May 20) Do nothing that kind. Fundamental affairs need particular attention. Avoid anything that has an danger in it.

(May 21 to June 21) Any changes where work is not good at this time. Give support to partner loyal to you. Listening to gripes on the part of wife. Do whatever is fair and just.

(June 22 to July 21) Take care you are where pleasure is concerned. Avoid not worthwhile, wholesome. Buy a thoughtful one.

(July 22 to Aug. 21) Learn to save more so that you have more in the future and build up a reserve. Expert's advice in the morning is not correct so get the true facts.

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be careful in motion of all you make this a happy and safe day. Make sure reports are correct. Take no unnecessary estimates.

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't mix finances and personal or there can be trouble now. Relegate to the evening. Don't reach decisions about till evening.

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are in a nervous middle of the afternoon, so calm yourself. Evening goes well for you. Get as much done especially where civic work is concerned.

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Out to whatever is so that you forget any anxieties you may have. Light new outlet for yourself. You are now understanding new ideas, attitudes and can

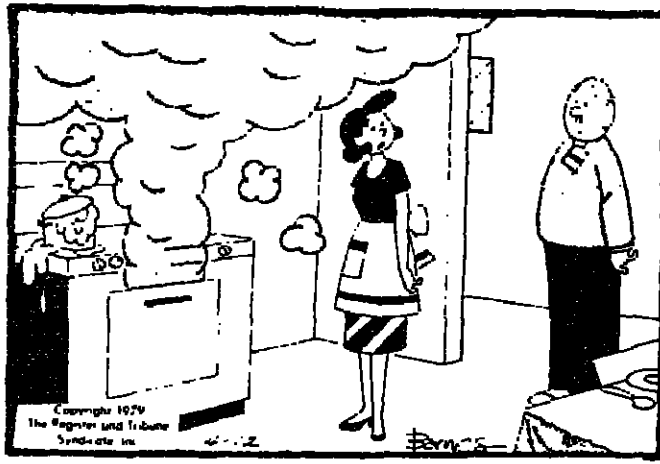
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can take care of well now, but don't involve your friends in it. Try to please your mate more.

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show loyalty to and don't antagonize bigwigs today or tonight. Try to solve a nagging problem. Get busy at work.

(Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some old problem can best during evening hours, so postpone it until work affairs quietly. Give more thought to better health.

THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



"Inhale deeply — that's your dinner."

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

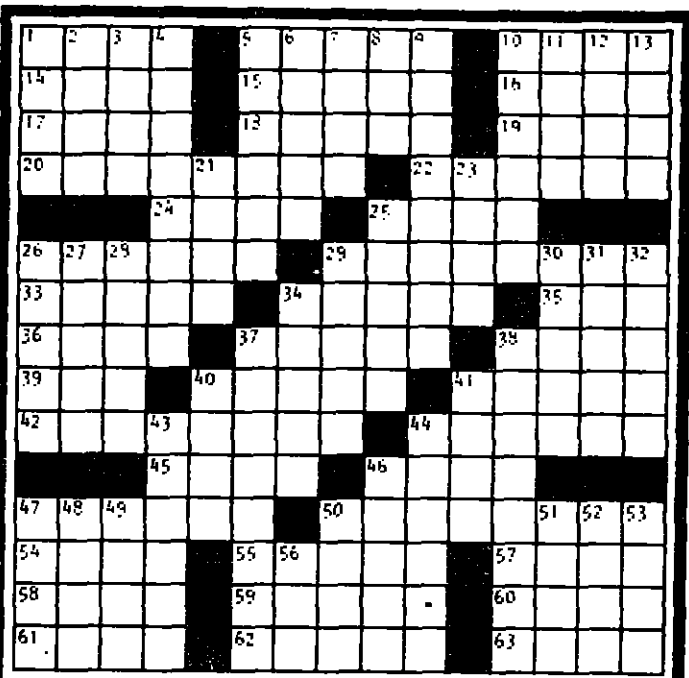
Answer: THE "OFFBEAT" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FINAL AFTER HYBRID GOODY
Answer: What the unconventional cop was — "OFFBEAT"

THE Daily Crossword

by Lara Alexandra

ACROSS	26 Kind of	50 Kind of	26 Possessive
1 Fastening	29 Breezy	54 Soft drink	27 Esther
2 Porthole	33 Pawns	56 Merits	28 Highest
10 Record	34 Ornamental	57 Sea bird	29 Reason
14 Essayist	35 Mauna —	58 Bumpkin	30 Make
15 People of	36 Shade trees	59 Macbeth's	31 Jubilant
16 Killarney	37 Sound of	60 Church	32 Kind of
17 Biblical	38 Salvador	61 Bullets,	33 Takes a
18 preposition	39 Ait: Fr.	62 For short	34 Poker hand
19 Horror to	40 Timid	63 Dill, once	35 Material
20 grammarians	41 Corolla		36 Noted name
21 Gaucho's	42 Answer		37 in Irish
22 rope	43 Chief		38 politics
23 Humiliate	44 Tar users		39 Additional
24 Honeydew	45 Musical		40 Young
25 Frosty	46 Theda —		41 salmon
26 German	47 Part of		42 Item in
numeral	48 Ireland		43 an Irish
			44 famine
			45 Building
			46 support
			47 Zodiac sign
			48 Aunts: Sp.
			49 Superlative
			50 ending
			51 Irish floral
			52 emblem
			53 Irish
			54 capital
			55 Japanese
			56 receptacle
			57 Amaze
			58 Beds
			59 High cards
			60 Squirming
			61 Marie's
			62 brother
			63 Exclamation



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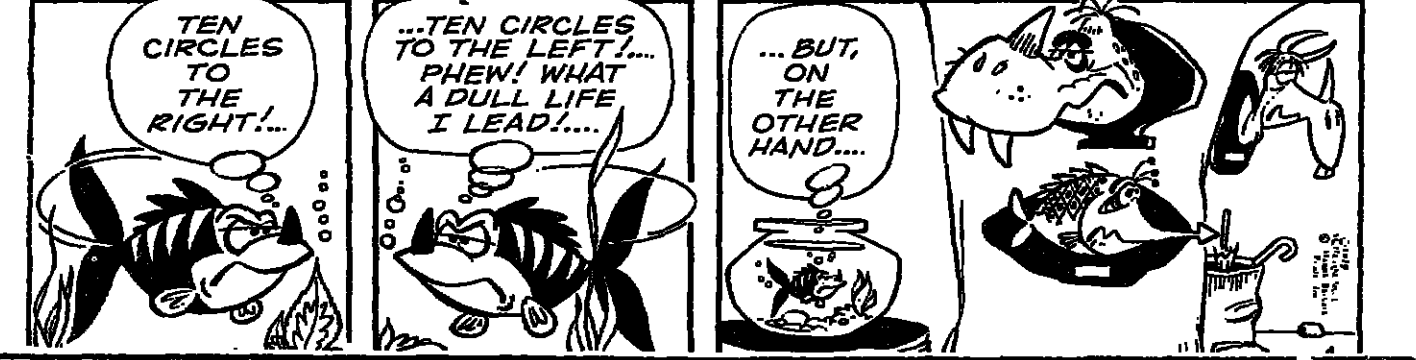
Andy Capp



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GMT	15:00 Radio Newswelt
04:00 Newsday	15:15 Election: Reports and Analysis
04:30 Full Classified Results (declared so far)	16:00 News: Election Commentary
05:00 News: 24 Hours	16:15 Election: Reports and Analysis
05:30 The Melody Lingers On	16:45 The World Today (Election Edition)
05:45 The World Today (Election Edition)	17:00 News
06:00 Newsday	17:00 Full Classified Results (all results declared since 07:30)
06:30 Life and Times of the Piano	17:30 Sports Round-Up
07:00 News: 24 Hours	17:45 Sports
07:30 Full Classified Results (from 04:30)	18:00 News: News about Britain
08:00 News: Reflections	18:15 Radio Newswelt
08:15 The World Today (Election Edition)	18:30 The English Chamber Orchestra
08:30 News: Piers Review	19:00 Outlook
08:45 The World Today (Election Edition)	19:30 Stock Market Report
09:00 News: Look Ahead	19:45 About Britain
09:15 The World Today (Election Edition)	20:00 News: 24 Hours
09:30 The Spinners	20:30 Science in Action
10:00 Election: Reports and Analysis	21:00 Network U.K.
11:00 News: Election: Reports and Analysis	21:15 Sarah and Company
12:00 Radio Newswelt	21:45 Letter from London: Play Choice
12:15 Election: Reports and Analysis	22:00 News: World Today
12:45 Results declared since 07:30	22:25 The Week in Wales: Reflections
13:00 News: Election: Reports and Analysis	22:45 Sports Round-Up
	23:00 News: Commentary

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	19:00 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis
03:30 The Breakfast Show	19:30 VOA Magazine: America, science, culture, letters
04:30 News, pop music, features, interviews, questions	20:00 Special English: news, reports, opinion, analysis
17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analysis	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
17:30 Dateline	21:00 VOA World Report
18:00 Special English: news, feature "The Living Earth"	21:30 News, Correspondent: reports, background features, media comments, analysis
18:30 Country Music USA	

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 7	21:00 Arabic series
10:00 Quran	22:15 Wastale Medical
10:15 Carbons	23:00 News in Arabic
10:30 Religious programme	23:15 Bluey
11:30 Annals	23:30 News in Arabic
14:00 Cultural film (Alhady)	18:30 French programme
14:30 Salvage	19:00 News in French
15:25 Arabic musical comedy	19:30 News in Hebrew
17:00 Soccer	20:30 Comedy
17:45 Wild west	21:10 The Brothers
18:30 Arabic programme	22:00 News in English
19:30 Religious seminar	22:15 Wastale Medical
20:00 News in Arabic	23:15 Bluey
20:30 Reportage	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on	14:30 French Music
7:01 Morning show	15:00 Concert hour
7:30 News Bulletin	16:00 News summary
7:40 Morning show	16:05 Polka/Pop pop
10:00 News Headlines	16:30 Old Loureux
10:05 Morning show	17:00 Jordan Weekly
10:30 My Kind of Music	17:30 Radiotheque
11:00 Listener's choice	18:00 News summary
12:00 News headlines	18:30 Fairs and Pices
12:05 Sports informed	18:30 State informed
13:00 News Summary	19:00 News bulletin
13:05 Radiotheque	19:10 Music
14:00 News Bulletin	19:30 Sign off
14:10 Music	

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:	DEPARTURES:
7:50 Cairo (EA)	7:40 Damascus (BA)
7:55 Doha, Kuwait	7:45 Beirut (MEA)
8:30 Jeddah	8:45 Athens (EA)
10:00 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ/GF)	8:55 Cairo (EA)
10:15 Beirut	11:30 Frankfurt
11:45 Agaba	12:00 Athens, London
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)	12:30 Copenhagen
12:25 Tripoli, Benghazi (LN)	13:00 Kuwait (KAC)
13:30 Jeddah, Medina (SDI)	13:30 Baghdad, Tripoli (LN)
13:30 New York	14:45 Medina, Jeddah (SDI)
17:30 London, Vienna	14:55 Cairo (EA)
17:35 Paris, Beirut (AFI)	19:00 Damascus
17:50 Cairo (EA)	19:00 Cairo
18:45 Madrid, Athens	20:00 Dubai, Karachi (RJ/GF)
19:00 Paris	21:00 Kuwait
19:40 Beirut (MEA)	22:55 Doha, Muscat (RJ/GF)
21:00 Damascus	
21:50 Frankfurt, Munich, Damascus (LH)	
23:50 Cairo	

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Hawam Youth Ctr.	61181
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Y.W.M.C.A.	64251
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Cadet Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36191

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Fire headquarters	22000

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Bulgarian Cultural Centre	557-901
British Cultural Centre	333-904
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	333-932
French Cultural Centre	330-694
Kaboun Theatre	222-016
National Museum	114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-003
Umma Art Gallery	334-619
Zakaria Public Library	111-318
West German Cultural Institute	224-954

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Electric Power Co. (repair)	225-887
Fire headquarters	91
Information	9597
Municipal water service	111-900

Senate committee recommends ending U.S. aid to 10 nations

WASHINGTON, May 3 (R)—The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted to recommend ending U.S. economic aid to ten nations, partly on the basis of human rights violations.

The \$212 million cut represents about ten per cent of total foreign aid sought by the Carter administration.

The committee's vote would eliminate aid programmes for Panama, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay

and the Central African Empire. Human rights considerations figured in the cuts involving Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, the Central African Empire and Paraguay.

The recommendations are not binding on the administration, but if the Carter government wants to

channel aid to these countries,

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter immediately said that the administration would seek to restore the aid. He said the cuts would make it more difficult for the government to achieve its humanitarian and foreign policy goals.

The committee cited internal chaos as well as human rights abuses in seeking to cut off aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Pakistan is already barred from receiving aid because it has imported equipment that could enable it to make nuclear weapons. The committee action merely confirmed the earlier cut-off.

Ethiopia was included because its new pro-Soviet government has not paid for the expropriation of U.S. property.

The committee voted to end aid worth \$17 million to Afghanistan because of the role the Marxist government there played in the February kidnapping and death of U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs.

Haiti was cut out for failing to implement fiscal reforms and take steps against corruption.

The committee recommended deletion of \$12.8 million to Panama on the grounds that it was already receiving funds under the Panama Canal Treaty which goes into effect on Oct. 1.

The House of Representatives also deleted the Panamanian aid from its foreign assistance bill.

Under the bill, the Asian Development Bank receives \$445 million and the African Development Bank \$4 billion over the same period.

The House Banking Committee approved the development banks bill and sent it to the full House by a vote of 31-9.

North Korean president offers 'new initiatives' in talks with Waldheim

PYONGYANG, North Korea, May 3 (AP) — Promising that he would not attack the South, North Korea's President Kim Il Sung today met with U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and offered new initiatives that the U.N. official said might break the deadlock in talks between the two Koreas.

"My impression is that there are some openings, some possibilities," Mr. Waldheim told reporters after meeting with the 67-year-old North Korean leader at his palace in Pyongyang.

Mr. Waldheim declined to be specific, but U.N. sources said Mr. Kim indicated "a certain flexibility" in his long-standing position that there was no role for South Korea in negotiations to replace the armistice that ended the Korean War. The North has said that only the United States should be involved in such discussions because it is the main component of the U.N. peace-

keeping force.

Mr. Waldheim, who was invited to visit both Koreas by their leaders, said that "much depends on my talks in Seoul" regarding any breakthrough. He will fly to the South Korean capital tomorrow for a two-day visit.

Mr. Kim, still the subject of a powerful cult of personality in his country, was the fourth major Asian communist leader that Mr. Waldheim has met on his peacemaking swing. Previously he talked with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Dong in Hanoi, and with Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng and Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping in Peking.

Mr. Waldheim said later on his plane en route to Tokyo for an overnight stop that two major issues came up in his Pyongyang talks. The first was procedures for discussing reunification of divided Korea and the other was the replacement of the armistice agreement.

Rome policeman killed in bombing of party office

ROME, May 3 (R)—A gang of up to 20 left-wing bombers including three teenage girls killed one policeman and wounded two today after bursting into an office of Italy's Christian Democratic Party.

The extremists, who told party workers "This is a proletarian action," set off several bombs which devastated the party's Rome committee headquarters. Their attack was apparently part of a far-left plan to disrupt Italy's general election on June 3 and 4.

The raiders scrawled slogans on office walls as they planted their bombs. One of the slogans said: "We will transform the fraudulent elections into a real class war."

Police said the Urban guerrillas drove up to the Christian Democratic office in Piazza Nicotia shortly after nine a.m. and forced their way inside, brandishing sub-machine guns.

They forced the party workers to leave, after handcuffing some of them, and laid the bombs. The party workers told reporters later they saw

three girls in the gang who appeared to be about 15 years old.

As the guerrillas were ready to leave, 15 minutes after launching their assault, a police car arrived outside. One of the gang shot and killed one of the policemen and wounded the other two from a window on the first floor, police sources said.

The bombs exploded after the gang escaped, wrecking the party offices and smashing hundreds of windows in nearby buildings.

Scores of police in uniform and plain clothes, some wearing bullet-proof vests and others aboard armoured cars, joined a huge search for the guerrillas. Helicopters hovered overhead, trying to spot the fleeing gang, but by noon police had failed to find any trace of them.

Outside the building the dead policeman, Antonio Mea, lay under a blanket. Shocked and fearful party workers later returned to the debris of their offices and gazed incredulously at the broken glass and shattered furniture.

U.K. scientists claim breakthrough in search for hepatitis vaccine

LONDON, May 3 (R)—British scientists say they have taken the first step toward producing a vaccine against viral hepatitis—a disease which cannot yet be cured or prevented.

A British team says it has overcome the problem of growing the hepatitis virus in the laboratory and produced a protein which could be developed into a vaccine.

The disease, which causes inflammation of the liver and can in rare cases be fatal, affects between three and 15 per cent of blood donors in Western Europe and the United States.

In some African and Asian countries up to ten per cent of the population is chronically affected. Because of the potential hazards of the genetic exper-

iments, they were carried out in Britain's top security biological research establishment at Porton Down, southern England.

Writing in the science magazine Nature, Professor Ken Murray of the University of Edinburgh, his team had cultured the hepatitis virus's genetic blueprint on a scale by fusing it with a toxin strain of bacteria.

The team found the bacteria were able to produce some information carried on the material of the virus to give one of the proteins characteristic of the disease-producing virus.

In this protein, which could be the basis of a vaccine against disease, Professor Murray said

According to report by World Federation of Trade Unions

Many immigrants are exploited, discriminated against

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R)—More immigrants now go to Western Europe than to the United States, and in many countries they are exploited, underpaid and discriminated against, according to the World Federation of Trade Unions.

In a report to the economic and social council, published yesterday, the federation said the situation for illegal immigrants was most difficult, but it was "no less disgraceful" for temporary migrants. Even legal immigrants usually had to settle for jobs with few prospects.

In West Germany, France and Switzerland, arduous, unhealthy, badly paid jobs were increasingly becoming the domain left to foreigners, the report said. In Belgium, most miners were migrant workers.

"In all the West European host countries, immigrants rarely reach

the higher position of a skilled worker," according to the federation, which said employers were just not interested in providing vocational training.

In the United States, it said, 600,000 Puerto Ricans were in unskilled jobs, while illegal immigrants represented "a real bonanza" for American employ-

Libya won't recognise Chad's 'fake' government

LONDON, May 3 (R)—Libya has denounced Chad's new government as illegal and said it will bring about more bloodshed.

A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry in Tripoli and transmitted to Reuters yesterday by the official news agency Jana said that the Libyan Jamahiriyah would not recognise the "fake" government formed on Monday by guerrilla leader Mohammed Shawa.

The statement said that a legal government in Chad could only be created through the implementation of a peace agreement signed by rival factions in March to end two months of civil war in Chad.

The pact, signed in the Nigerian city of Kano, called for the resignation of President Felix Malloum, who stepped down a week later.

Libya had long supported the Frontline Muslim guerrillas of northern Chad against President Malloum, a southerner.

After the Kano pact, however, Libya refused to recognise a transitional government including Frontline leaders which held power in N'Djamena until Monday.

The Kano agreement was signed by four men: President Malloum; Prime Minister Hissane Habre, whose supporters had been fighting the president's; Mr. Goukouni Oueddi, the chief of Frontline; and Mr. Aboubakar Abghemane of the so-called Third Army, a Nigerian-backed force which operated in western Chad.

Mr. Habre and Mr. Oueddi held office in the government formed on Monday. The Third Army is represented by the new premier, Mr. Shawa. Mr. Malloum is in exile, but his fellow southerner and former chief of staff, General Negy Gogo, is a deputy premier.

The Libyan Foreign Ministry statement said that the make-up of the new cabinet in Chad conflicted with the Kano agreement, which called for a government of national unity formed from all the parties that signed the pact.

The formation of the new government was a manoeuvre by a group which will aggravate the situation in the country and cause bloodshed and fighting among brothers, Libya said.

It said Libya would keep pressing, through diplomatic contacts with Chad's other neighbours, for implementation of the Kano accords.

'New protectionism' by developed countries said likely to spark clashes at UNCTAD

MANILA, May 3 (R)—A new wave of protectionism by developed countries is likely to lead to clashes with the Third World at the month-long U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) opening in Manila on Monday, conference officials said today.

As developing nations move towards industrialisation and seek markets for their growing output of manufactured or semi-manufactured goods, they face trade barriers erected by already industrialised nations, many of whom are facing economic problems of their own, they said.

"The trend towards what is called 'the new protectionism' is disconcerting," UNCTAD Secretary-General Gamani Corea of Sri Lanka told a press briefing in Manila today.

"The problem of stabilising commodity prices is just one

aspect of development and commodities are seen by developing nations as merely a springboard towards their own industrialisation," he said.

This situation held an inherent element of friction between the developed and developing worlds, he said.

"I hope that UNCTAD will pronounce itself firmly on this issue of protectionism, which is against the stated objective of nearly all nations to achieve open trade."

"I would like to see the conference take decisive action on the future of the world trading system within the context of the industrialisation of the Third World, compatible with an open trade policy," Mr. Corea said.

The conference would be held against a background of the need for structural changes in global economic structure, including

monetary reform, he said.

The deficiencies in the system, which have so far been patched up by various arrangements, were "an increasingly difficult task for nations to deal with in the face of payments problems."

Mr. Corea called on UNCTAD to make it more effective in producing results.

He did not say UNCTAD's success in reforming the world trading system was the main negotiating task between the developed and developing world.

They added that he also to see the UNCTAD increased from its present million a year to make effective in major regions.

Economic News Briefs

Supplies leave Kenya by rail for Uganda

NAIROBI, May 3 (R)—A first consignment of petrol and diesel fuel left Nairobi by rail yesterday for Uganda, which had its road and rail links with Kenya reopened at the weekend by the Tanzanian army, oil company sources said. The sources said the new Ugandan government had reached agreement with oil companies whereby the debts left by Field Marshal Amin's ousted regime were acknowledged and made a subject of further negotiation. A down payment for this month had been made so that supplies could be resumed, they added. Fuel stocks in Uganda have dwindled to the point where no supplies have been delivered to the civilian market for a month and even military vehicles are strictly rationed. The war in Uganda has also deprived the landlocked mountain state of Rwanda and Burundi of fuel and other essential supplies.

ILO links health care system to more jobs

GENEVA, May 3 (R)—Expanding primary health care services in developing countries open up more jobs as well as improving the well-being of workers, an article in an International Labour Organisation (ILO) publication said yesterday. It had been estimated that a properly functioning primary health care system in Pakistan would lead to the direct creation of 70,000 jobs, the article in the periodical International Labour Review said. It would also lead to creation of additional jobs in the related sectors such as health, manpower training and pharmaceutical production. A past tendency for developing states to model their public health services on those of industrialised countries had resulted in these services becoming centred largely in cities and towns, and accessible mainly to a small, privileged section of the population. To help change this situation, there was now a widespread trend in these lands towards establishing a body of primary health workers who could be trained more rapidly,

less expensively and in greater numbers than doctors or nurses, the article said.

U.S. brings suit against 7 oil companies

WASHINGTON, May 3 (R) — The U.S. Government yesterday brought a suit of \$1.7 billion against seven large oil refining companies on behalf of customers who it said had been overcharged for oil. The suit brought to \$3.5 billion the total sought by the Department of Energy from oil companies for alleged price violations. Department officials said the suit did not allege that the companies had wilfully violated pricing regulations. The seven were Texaco, Marathon, Gulf, Atlantic Richfield and Standard Oil of Ohio, California and Indiana. The suit alleges that, shortly after the 1973 Arab oil embargo, the seven incorrectly identified certain oil wells and fields as containing recently discovered oil, taking advantage of price controls which allowed them to charge twice as much.

Japan grants \$100m. for Asian food production

MANILA, May (R)—Japan today promised to increase its aid to the world's poorest countries and to provide \$100 million this year to help increase food production in Asia. Japanese Finance Minister Ippei Kaneko, addressing the 12th annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank here, said Japanese-aided grant aid could eventually reach \$1 billion. He told delegates: "In 1979, Japan will offer a grant of over \$100 million, more than double the amount of the previous year, to support programmes to increase food production in developing countries, mainly in Asia." Mr. Kaneko also promised to see that Japan provided a reliable market for countries seeking to raise capital for investment. He said Asian countries had already raised 100 billion yen (about \$4.5 billion) there since January last year.

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Comeback for chemicals industry

By Jeffrey Brown

LONDON—Odd cracks are starting to appear in the grim exterior presented to the world by the men who run Europe's chemical industry. Certainly the optimism can discern the beginnings of a grin at Bayer and BASF, while at Hoechst there is an air of smugness that was not apparent a month ago.

Not that the big three chemical and fibres groups in West Germany are hogging all the good news. After a year of disastrous profits in 1977 followed by complete stagnation in 1978, the European chemical industry as a whole is experiencing the first signs of a real recovery. At ICI and Akzo of Holland, management is showing confidence about the immediate outlook for earnings.

Hoechst provided the first breakthrough in March. Throwing all caution to the wind, the company predicted a clear improvement in sales for the opening three months of 1979, and at the same time disclosed that pre-tax profits at its West German parent company had emerged from 1978 with a rise of three per cent to DM711 million or \$382 million.

In isolation there is nothing very exciting about this kind of figurework. But once the industry's analysts had got to work on the quarter-to-quarter trends, it could be seen that the final three months of last year had produced a quite dramatic recovery in sales and profits.

Having performed sluggishly all through the year and been pointing firmly down in 1977, Hoechst's parent company sales rose by three per cent in the final

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quarter of last year. In terms of pre-tax profits the final quarter produced an advance of no less than 29 per cent.

Admittedly, the back-end of 1977 — the comparable period-saw the worst of the chemicals and fibres slump in Europe. But Hoechst was able to point to a rise of three points in its productive capacity to 77 per cent for 1978, partly as a result of better selling prices and partly through reduced labour costs.

Forced to swing the axe in order to protect its competitive edge, Hoechst cut its workforce by two per cent last year, notably among its fibres operations, which in recent months have been among the group's most consistent divisional loss-makers.

But the key to last year's improving profits—and the main reason why most chemical company executives are now less worried about profit margins—is improving selling prices. Tentative indications suggest that the higher prices currently being quoted by the industry show every sign of sticking.

The necessity for higher prices has been widely broadcast by those chemical companies sav-

agely affected by the spiralling cost of naphtha, a key raw material. At the start of 1978 naphtha was costing the industry little more than \$135 a tonne. Today's figure is closer to \$250 a tonne, an increase of almost 80 per cent in barely 15 months.

The material is crucial to the industry, supplying as it does major ingredients for products like antifreeze, detergents, dyestuffs, paints, brakefluids and pesticides. The impact that naphtha price rises are having can be gauged by some interesting figures released by BASF. This company has calculated that the extra cost of naphtha in 1979 will represent some six per cent of its overall raw material bill of around \$2.7 billion.

Thus, higher costs and falling selling prices have a major adverse impact on petrochemical and plastics profits last year and through actual demand, petrochemicals improved over the 12 months overcapacity existed in many products. Moreover, the strong trading background has made worse still by force of circumstances some "quarrels" notably among French and Italian companies aimed at boosting volume.

This weak operating ground has now changed for the better. There is a capacity throughout the European chemicals industry looks poised for recovery in 1979 as prices reflect costs more realistically and spare capacity is pressed into service.

Supply difficulties and oil price increase by 10 now underpinning the industry's recovery.

operations. ICI's oil prices have been pushed fifth since the start of the year. In Germany, BASF has been forcing through a sale of product prices.

The recovery in petrochemicals is the main reason for the recovery in profits of a number of companies. And some estimates now suggest that of companies and a number of companies can contribute to the recovery towards the latter part of the year.

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The industry's strong recovery is expected to be maintained. But most companies are still cautious about the recovery in oil prices. French and Italian companies aimed at boosting volume.

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